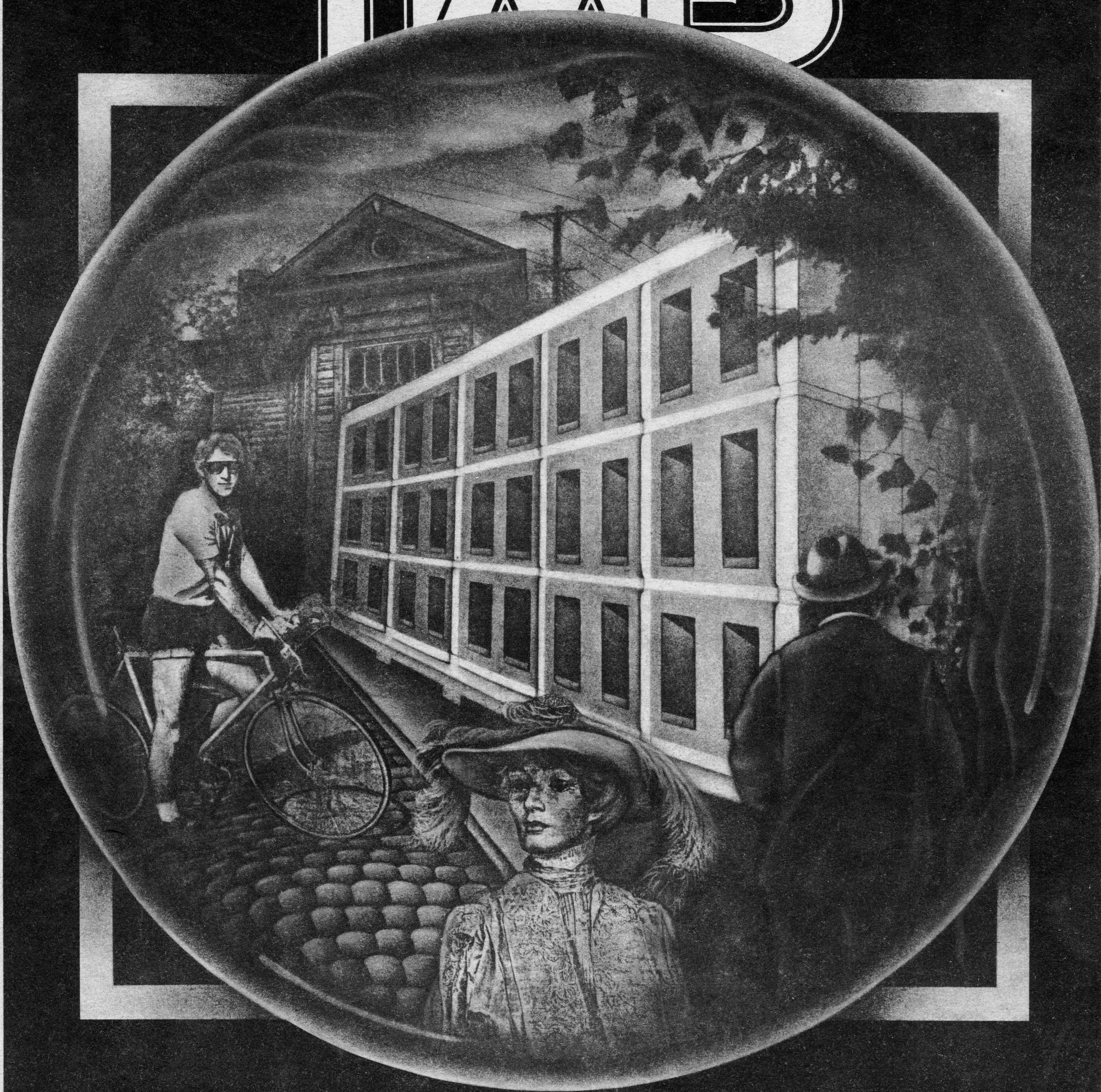
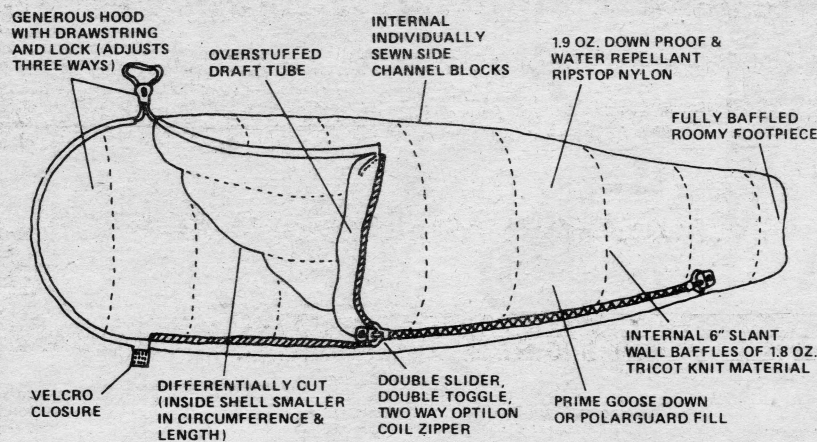


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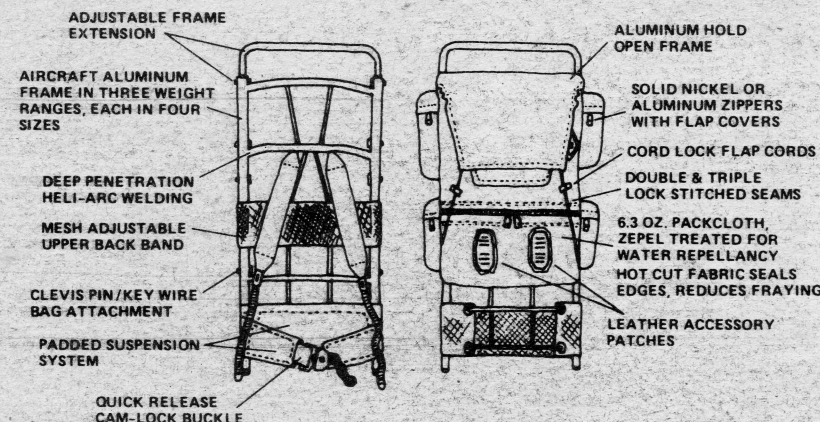


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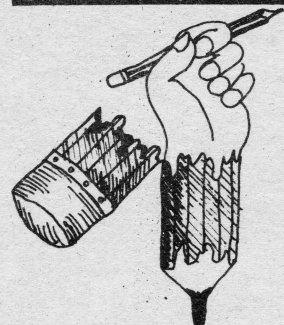
At one time, VCU was known as the "hippie" school, a place where artists and other weird people went to school, although everyone knew they really didn't study or attend classes, unlike the fine young people at the University of Virginia.

However, whether or not that image was true, the image of this university is changing and growing. And that is what this issue, the first of 1977, is all about: VCU's image.

The idea for this issue was conceived by News Editor Brett Averill and Managing Editor Mike Welton, who together with Jim Jennings, conducted an extensive interview with President T. Edward Temple during the latter days of December. Found on pages 14 and 15, the interview deals not only with VCU's image, but also some of the problems that Dr. Temple and the university as a whole have encountered along the way.

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VCU AND MONEY PROBLEMS: WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

By Mike Grubbs

The sleek years are behind us and the lean years are upon us. As long as the state is beset by financial difficulties, VCU will be hard pressed to provide the kind of services it desires.

Up until 1974, VCU's future looked fairly bright. Only Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia received more state aid and VCU was rapidly closing in on the latter. Physical expansion, particularly on the west campus, took place slowly but surely. Up until 1976 there was always some sort of state-supported construction on one campus or the other.

State funding for colleges and universities is based primarily on enrollment, and specifically on the full-time equivalent (FTE) figure. VCU has continually failed to meet future enrollment projections for various reasons:

- the proximity and expansion of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- the number of applicants has not increased as much as was expected because of the declining birth rate
- rapid expansion at other state schools allowing for increased enrollment there
- 50 per cent of all high school graduates do not go on to college
- small out-of-state enrollment (nine per cent)
- because 40 per cent of VCU's students are part-time, it is difficult to predict how many hours they will take from year to year.

By 1974, VCU's enrollment was significantly less than had been expected. Predictions indicate, for example, that the FTE expected in 1974 will not be achieved for at least another year. Since funds are based on enrollment, increases in VCU's budget are getting smaller and smaller.

The 1976-77 budget is only 2.5 per cent greater than that of 1975-76, while those of Virginia Tech and UVa increased by 22.3 and 14.2 per cent respectively. Inflation and cuts ordered by Governor Mills E. Godwin have given VCU less spending power than it had in 1975. In order to resolve a \$120 million state deficit, Godwin has suggested that further cuts may be imminent for state schools, particularly those that have not met their enrollment projections—meaning VCU.

Physical expansion at VCU is now non-existent. The performing arts center and medical education building have been planned for years but consistently fail to receive funding. The administration does not expect approval of either project before 1978. Athletic facilities are at a premium on the west campus and tight on the east campus. Our outdoor recreational facilities consist of two tennis courts in front of Cabaniss Hall. The new hospital and a dormitory will soon be under construction, but both were financed by bond issues.



Last year, the General Assembly enacted the 70/30 plan, in which 30 per cent of the cost of one's education must be borne by the student. Not only did this produce a significant increase in tuition, it has caused serious inequities. For example, because of higher costs, VCU undergraduates are subsidizing the education of medical, dental, and graduate students. The 70/30 plan also encourages schools to admit

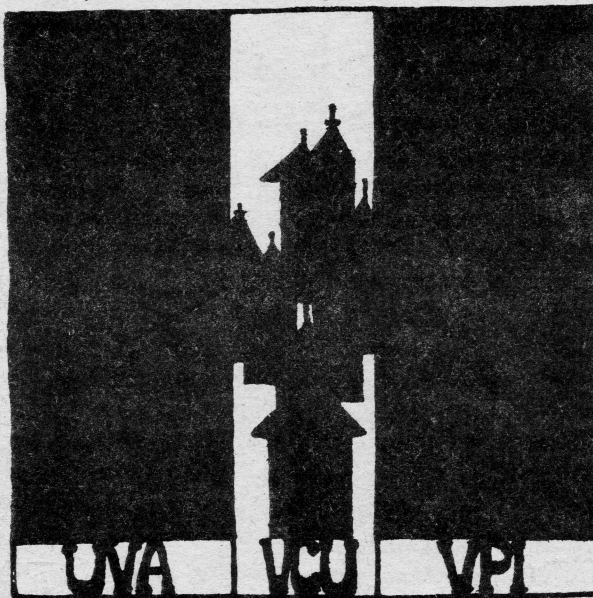


Illustration by Denise Carriolo

out-of-state students before Virginians, in order to get the double-tuition. So far, VCU has chosen not to follow this practice, and we have been hurt financially because of it.

There are several other inequities which VCU has attempted to remedy without success. Although VCU, UVa, and Virginia Tech are the only so-called "comprehensive universities" in the state, VCU's faculty salaries are significantly lower than those at her sister institutions. In fact, the faculty salary averages fall between those at William and Mary and Old Dominion University. Although the Evening College is reported to be largest in the nation, VCU receives no credit for classes held after 6 p.m.,

nor funds to pay for extra cleaning, lighting, or heating bills. Our libraries are 46 per cent deficient according to the state's own standards, and the list goes on.

The reaction of members of the General Assembly to VCU's plight are mixed. Most sympathize with the problems but continually refer to a lack of money. The two men in charge of the money committees, Ed Willey of Senate Finance and Ed Lane of House Appropriations, have stated that there is a need for continued cutbacks in state support rather than increased aid to colleges. Since all legislators are up for re-election this year, it is unlikely that relief will come in the form of a tax increase. More probable is another cut in appropriations.

With the aid of alumni, the administration held over a dozen meetings with members of the General Assembly this fall. One such meeting was held in Norfolk. Of the 23 legislators in the Tidewater area, only nine showed up. The turnout was described as "typical," although it was pointed out that the more important members usually attend, meaning members of the money committees and committee heads.

President T. Edward Temple recognizes that little can be done to improve VCU's financial situation in this year's session, but has been stressing our needs since the 1978-80 budget will soon be prepared. The administration hopes to have the General Assembly fully informed of its needs so that deficiencies can be corrected in the near future.

Meanwhile, we can not hold on to our faculty members because UVa can offer them \$3,000 more to do the same job. William and Mary, a mere one-third our size, has twice as many library books and a much larger gym. Only one senior college in the entire state lacks outdoor recreational facilities—VCU. Our 600 theater and music majors, equivalent to half of VMI's total enrollment perform in death-traps. So what else is new?

LETTERS

DEAN SAYS LOAN Was Paid Back

I was surprised and a little disturbed by your article in the *Commonwealth Times* on Friday, December 3, 1976 in reference to the Dean's Contingency Fund. In your investigation for this second article, you requested and reviewed the receipts regarding the refrigerator. These receipts were given to you by Mrs. Shirley Jones, my secretary. The receipts that you observed were as follows:

DATE	AMOUNT
•January 15, 1976	\$52.00
•July 30, 1976	36.00
•September 14, 1976	10.21
•September 17, 1976	61.79
•September 22, 1976	64.76
•October 20, 1976	18.00

You will note that these receipts total \$242.76, the amount borrowed for the refrigerator. In your subsequent interview with me I asked if you had checked the receipts and if they were satisfactory. You indicated that you had and they were complete. I, therefore, view your charge in the article that the loan for the purchase of the refrigerator had not been paid as a deliberate falsification and I question your journalistic integrity.

On a minor matter, I do not believe that in our interview I referred to your behavior as being "hostile." I believe the word I used was "obnoxious."

Alfred T. Matthews
Dean of Student Life

In reply to Dr. Matthews, I would like to say that I printed what was available to me in the way of records. During the interview, I repeatedly asked him to come up with records to contradict what I had found. His response was to posture as a tough guy who knew how to handle reporters who asked him questions he did not want to hear.

Since then, O. Allen Davis, chief accountant, has done what I asked of Matthews, he showed me records to clarify the situation. If Dr. Matthews would have done this, I would have written the figure that was shown to me by him [Davis].

The records I saw did not have the payment for Sept. 14, 1976 and were missing \$27 of the January 15 payment. The January payment was split into two parts, \$25 from a check that I reported and \$27 in cash on a split receipt.

As for integrity or my journalistic integrity, Dr. Matthews should worry more about his own rather than mine. Dr. Matthews made a web of contradictory statements about when the bill was paid, made most of the payments within the period when the first article was researched, and had the audacity to take the student representatives of the Appropriations Board out to breakfast with the same money they were discussing.

Bob Powell

VCU Police Abridge Student's Rights

The primary source of encouragement and inspiration of this letter comes from a deep concern for the present condition and transformation of the academic community of Virginia Commonwealth University. Any effort to inter-

pret the changing political behavior of the institution in recent years is subject to the difficulty that is inherent with the conception of what is as opposed to what ought to be.

The reality of the situation that we are confronted with as students truly rocks the foundation and definition of any institution of higher education. Virginia Commonwealth University can no longer refer to itself as a urban institution addressing it self to the needs of its communities, both internal and external. The reason for this negation in definition is that presently "the academic community is being transformed into a Police State." This may sound like an extreme projection, but the projection is not arbitrary.

In order that this letter of concern is not received as just another emotional reaction to student injustice or student's rights, any aspect of the problem that is laid before you in logical and rational thought, can be checked with university officials for credibility on issues of truth. It is not frequent that the complex system of institutions became victims of their own structure, but when they do, it causes people and positions to grasp for something that is no longer present, which is credibility. Education should be a process of providing the individual with skills to participate in the ongoing development of the activity with which he is concerned; in other words, he does not need to apply a rote set of rules but rather understands the principles underlying his activity. Training, on the other hand, provides a set of hard and fast rules which can be applied to a given range of situations, but which do not permit further development of skills. An individual who is "educated" in an area is therefore able to adapt to change: an individual who is trained will find his knowledge becoming obsolete with change. Clearly we have established the two most critical issues, credibility and obsolescence, contributing factors to our present police state.

The issue of credibility falls on the shoulders of the administration and the V.C.U. Police Department, in their failure to decide who has jurisdiction over the issue of student rights. As a result of this failure, the statistics on student arrest has become intolerable, and the administration has no say whatsoever, concerning the actions of another department within the academic community. This is a classical example of institutional conflict on the issue of boundaries and of visible authority.

The most detrimental aspect of this problem is that "students are being arrested and charged without due process" of the community they represent. The Virginia Commonwealth University rules and procedures are as obsolete as the training V.C.U. police officers receive concerning student attitudes and social pathologies. At present, "none of the rights and privileges safeguarded in the rules and procedures of the institution are given or exercised in the area of student arrest."

One of the most serious considerations in this power struggle, is the encouragement and sanction of the Commonwealth Attorney, Aubrey Davis, justifying the actions of this department. What this does is maintain the

present police state, and keeps the administration from establishing any type of mechanism in the academic community to (front) end student arrest through rules and procedures or any other process.

If the rights of students are not safeguarded by the rules and procedures of the institution, and if we as students are not aware of our legal rights, even when they are taken away, then our future will continue to be jeopardized, and "our reward will be a police record in place of a degree."

Eddie Pickett
Sr., English Ed.

DISCRIMINATORY Policy At F&M

As some of you may already know, First and Merchants Bank has a new checking account policy. This policy, which went into effect January 1, 1977, stipulates that one must maintain a minimum checking account balance of \$50.00. If one's balance drops below the minimum at any time during the month, the customer must pay a \$1.00 service charge.

This new policy implies that a customer must have a spare \$50 in order to avoid the monthly service charge. It is my opinion that this policy is discriminatory towards low income groups-which includes many, if not most, students. Members of these groups usually do not have an extra \$50.00 to keep in their checking account. Nor can groups such as these that are on tight budgets afford to pay F&M, a monthly service charge for the privilege of using the bank.

Judging from the large numbers of students I see at the VCU branch of F&M, this policy affects many VCU people. The student-customers are in an especially bad position. Christmas vacation for VCU students began December 18 and did not end until January 10, nine days after the new policy went into effect. Consequently, many students, myself included, returned to Richmond and F&M to find that they began the new year owing a \$1.00 service charge.

I find this infuriating. The VCU branch of F&M may be convenient but the minimum balance and service charges are very inconvenient. I have decided to change banks but first, I have written letters to F&M managers expressing my feelings about this discriminatory policy. I urge all students who are F&M customers to transfer their accounts and to take a little time to write the branch manager protesting this decision. Urge them to waive the charges for students and low-income groups, as they are doing for persons over the age of 65. Address your letters to:

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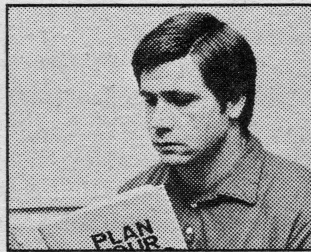
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"Billboard" Cites VCU Radio Station

A national show magazine has cited WVCW, VCU's on-campus radio station, as leading in the national fight to gain recognition for college radio.

Billboard Magazine last month said WVCW and three other campus radio stations in the nation are "showing the spirit and creativity that keeps campus radio flourishing."

Billboard said WVCW is "definitely helping with" the "struggle... to fight for recognition through the extensive use of innovation in programming and research."

The well-known disco reviewer cited WVCW Program Director Hunter Hughes for engineering the station's innovative programming.

Louisiana Tech Univ., the University of Maine, and Northwestern Univ. were also named to be "pacing innovations."

VCU Considers Audio System

The Appropriations Board is ready to spend \$6,000 which it put aside last year to buy an audio system usable by all campus organizations.

The board will meet Tuesday morning to determine whether or not the \$5,700 sound system worked out by a local electronics firm is justified by needs and demands of campus organizations.

The equipment should cost no more than a three-year total of the costs of renting the equipment, said a board member, Ivan Morton.

Morton said the board first got concerned about using audio at school after it totaled the cost of separate organizations renting the equipment during budgeting last year.

Bert Jarvis, of Jarvis Electronics, designed the audio package for use primarily in the Business Building Auditorium, the gym and the Rathskellar on Johnson Hall's first floor. Morton said the system is not suited for the Mosque because "the board is trying to get away from" renting the Mosque.

The meeting will be in the Student Activities Office, 901 Floyd Ave., at 11:30. The board wants representatives from all organizations to attend, Morton said.

Computer Prevents Meal Rip-off

A \$15,000 computer hook-up has made university cafeteria meals rip-off proof.

Val-Dine System III, purchased by food services here, will prevent students from pilfering meals by borrowing their friends' ID cards, which in the past have been checked by hand at each cafeteria entrance. According to Food Services Director William Ritchie, the cafeterias lost about 15-20 per cent of the meals covered by the school meal plan because student checkers at different cafeterias had no way to tell whether or not a meal had already been eaten at another cafeteria.

"We're not limiting the quantity of food to people on the meal plan," Ritchie said, "it's just meal control...to protect the student on the plan."

The system, which became operational Wednesday, has card reading terminals at each cafeteria entrance. The person checking cards inserts the student's card--with magnetic computer-sensitive signals to identify whose card it is--into the reader and the centralized computer flashes a signal saying whether or not that person's meal has been eaten at any cafeteria.

Temporary cards have been issued to students on the meal plan, but Ritchie said those students will receive picture cards within two to three weeks.

Man Fined For Exposing Self

A former state corrections captain convicted of exposing himself to a VCU student has withdrawn the appeal to circuit court he made earlier.

Daniel W. King, who allegedly exposed himself last spring to senior psychology student Christine Land, was fined \$50 plus \$25 court costs, but General District Court Judge Harold C. Maurice suspended King's jail sentence.

King appealed the Dec. 15 ruling, but withdrew his appeal on Jan. 2, according to court officials.

He was arrested once on May 12, but the case was dropped after Land twice failed to appear in court last summer. King was rearrested on Nov. 8 and resigned his position at Powhatan Correctional Center effective on that date.

The case stems from an incident on the third floor of the library here, where Land claims King exposed himself to her. She did not press charges immediately, and for that reason King was not arrested until May 12.

In an unrelated incident, VCU Patrolman David C. Springborn, who has claimed he heard Director of Campus Police Ronald J. Taylor try to persuade Land to drop charges against King, was suspended from the force last month pending the outcome of assault charges against him.

Maurice threw the case out of court due to lack of evidence, and VCU police reinstated Springborn.

Computer Bug Fouls Grades

A bug in last semester's computer program for student grade reports caused the inaccurate grades which some students received, according to Peter Hobbie, Asst. Director of Academic Records.

Hobbie said that after grade reports were mailed January 3, most students who found their grades inaccurate complained to their professors, who then reported the problem to the Office of Academic Records.

According to Hobbie, his office was not sure which students received incorrect grades, so a correct grade report has been mailed to every student.

Referring to the grief the incorrect grades caused some students, Hobbie commented, "We're all sorry about that, and apologize for it."

Although last semester's grades were the first to be done under the new Student Information System (SIS), Hobbie maintains that the mistake was "a fluke," and could have happened under the old system.

Hobbie believes it is unlikely that a mistake as large as this one will happen again. "I wish we didn't have any mistakes," said Hobbie, "but with this many students, there're going to be some."

For students who have graduated or transferred to another school and need their transcripts, the Office of Academic Records attached updated supplemental transcripts to the permanent transcripts and mailed them last week.

The Registrar's office is circulating a message that a computer foul-up caused inaccurate registration. If you registered on Jan. 6 or 7, see the registrar to confirm actual registration to your classes.

Is it sick to love a pen?

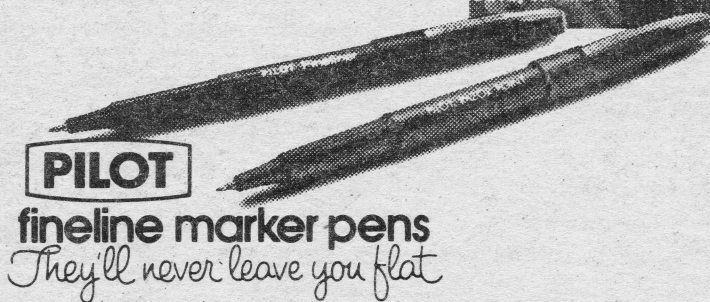
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Photo by Tom Matthews

Campus To Become Upset Fruitbasket

If the 1977 Virginia General Assembly approves plans for a Fine Arts Center in the 900 block of Park Ave., it could send much of the west campus into an exaggerated upset-the-fruitbasket routine.

And even if the proposal does not go through, institutional planners here have major moves in store for several departments.

According to planner Louis C. Saksen, if the center is rejected, demolition of part of the block will probably begin in Spring to make ready for the west campus bookstore, moved from the Hibbs basement.

Saksen said plans call for a combination snack bar-Rathskellar in the Hibbs basement, which will leave the entire first floor of the Hibbs Bldg. for a cafeteria.

Saksen also said his department is trying to move all the drama classes into the Shafer St. Playhouse and out of the Temple Building. "There's a

great deal of concern for the safety of students in Temple," he added.

In order to make room for the entire Drama Department in the Playhouse, Saksen said, the crafts classes there now will hopefully move into the old Shafer St. warehouse which the physical plant uses now—but only if VCU is successful in their attempt to rent the Allied Van Building at the corner of Belvidere and Main Streets.

That building would be the new physical plant headquarters. Saksen said physical plant workers are currently salvaging materials from the vacant buildings in the 900 block of Floyd Ave. so those buildings will be down in order for construction to begin on the new student center planned there. Saksen said plans call for Political Science offices to move to buildings in the 900 block of the north side of W. Franklin St. Personnel and finance offices will move into 912 and 914 W. Franklin, plans say.

MCV Gets \$233,000

Two organizations have given MCV funds totaling \$233,000 to use for research.

The American Cancer Society made effective on Jan. 1 a \$63,000 grant for a team of scientists there to study a cancer-treating drug and a \$102,761 grant for another team to determine whether or not foreign cells introduced into a fetus or infant can cause cancer in later life.

The New York City based John A. Hartford Foundation awarded MCV \$168,000 for a three-year study of blood circulation in the brain. Researchers are aiming their studies, which began last month, at the effects on cerebral circulation of cold environments, stroke, and liver ailments.

Media and VCU Teach As Team

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History 195E will examine Alex Haley's book, *Roots*, the story of an American family descended from a young African man who came to America in the 18th century. WXEX channel 8 will air the show evenings for eight consecutive nights, starting January 23. In addition there will be nine seminars, led by Dr. Virginius Thornton of the Department of History.

"Young Children With Special Needs" is a specialized course which will be shown on educational television channel 23, WCVE. Weekly programs plus class sessions highlight this course.

"Moral Choices in Contemporary Society" will delve into touchy modern-day quandaries everyone is confronted with. Topics in this course offered through the Richmond *Times Dispatch* Sunday newspaper include honesty, corruption, suicide, abortion, and racism. For a more detailed look at this course, contact Dr. Thomas Hall of the Department of Philosophy and Religions at 770-6518.

The last off-campus course this semester is arranged with the assistance of the Richmond Public Library. Based on Jacob Bronowski's successful book, *The Ascent of Man*, the films are shown every Saturday morning until April 23 at 10:30 in the auditorium of the library, 101 E. Franklin Street. Dr. George Taggart, from the Department of Physics, will meet with the class after the movies until 12:30 pm. The Final exam will be on April 30. For those who do not want the class for credit, the movies are open to the public, free of charge. For more information contact the VCU Evening College Office, Rm. 114, 901 W. Franklin St., 770-6731.

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The *Richmond Arts Magazine* is accepting submissions for the Spring Issue. Submissions may include poetry, fiction, photography, works on paper, painting, ceramics, textiles, and jewelry. All submissions must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, otherwise the magazine will not be responsible for their return. Submissions may be dropped off or mailed to the *Richmond Arts Magazine* office at 916 W. Franklin St., Room 307. For further information call 770-7823. Deadline for Spring submissions is February 19, 1977.

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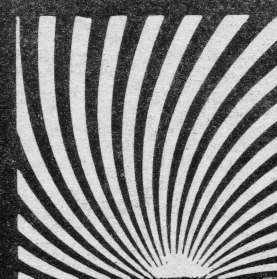
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Evening College Now Largest in U.S.

By Tom Matthews

The Evening College at Virginia Commonwealth University has grown from an enrollment of 174 in 1920, when it began as part of the Richmond Professional Institute, into the largest evening college in the United States. This growth is no accident, according to Dean John A. Mapp. Rather, it has been achieved through VCU's "unique style of marketing itself," Mapp said.

"Not marketing in the sense of simply selling itself," Mapp continued, "but in the sense of making our product, education, available to as many people as we can."

Flexibility created by a large number of evening course offerings is a primary reason for the phenomenal success of the program. Approximately 900 courses are offered in the Evening College for the Spring semester.

In addition, the same degree programs available from the Evening College.

"VCU is service-oriented. Since most work is in the daytime, we found long ago that we would have to make every effort to appeal to those adults who had to work but wanted to continue their education at the same time," Mapp said.

As well as offering the same degree programs, VCU has what Mapp terms an "integrated" school. "Special" students (those who enroll without admission to a degree program) can later enter a degree program with relatively few problems.

"We are not an extension or a branch of the university. We run an evening school for the other schools here. We have a level of integration here that is, in our opinion, almost unique," Mapp said.

He cited a recent New York Times article saying that many universities are beginning to shift their emphasis from "traditional" students to "adult" and working students, thereby increasing their emphasis on evening classes.

"Many schools are experiencing drops in their enrollments of day students," he said. "They are discovering the need to attract older students through expanded evening programs."

Mrs. Rozanne Epps, assistant dean of VCU's Evening College, said that the "age-mix" created by a large evening enrollment provides "an atmosphere which is beneficial in many ways."

"Better discussions often take place when older, more experienced students come into contact with younger students," she said. "In addition, the experiences brought to class by the

older students help to provide the younger students with a practical glimpse of the outside world."

"The many students who take classes in conjunction with working," she added, "have the chance to reinforce with a class what he or she learns on the job."

The average age of students attending evening classes is "over 28," according to Mapp, and

many already have an undergraduate degree.

VCU's evening division enrollment in the fall semester was in excess of 5,900, but the number of students taking at least one class at night is approximately 16,600. This figure is higher than the total for any other school in the country, Mapp said, and is almost 3,000 students ahead of the University of Cincinnati, the school with the second-highest evening enrollment.

According to Dean John A. Mapp, flexibility created by large numbers of course offerings is a primary reason for the phenomenal success of the Evening College.

Photo by Tom Matthews



Legal, Accounting Problems: The Other Image?

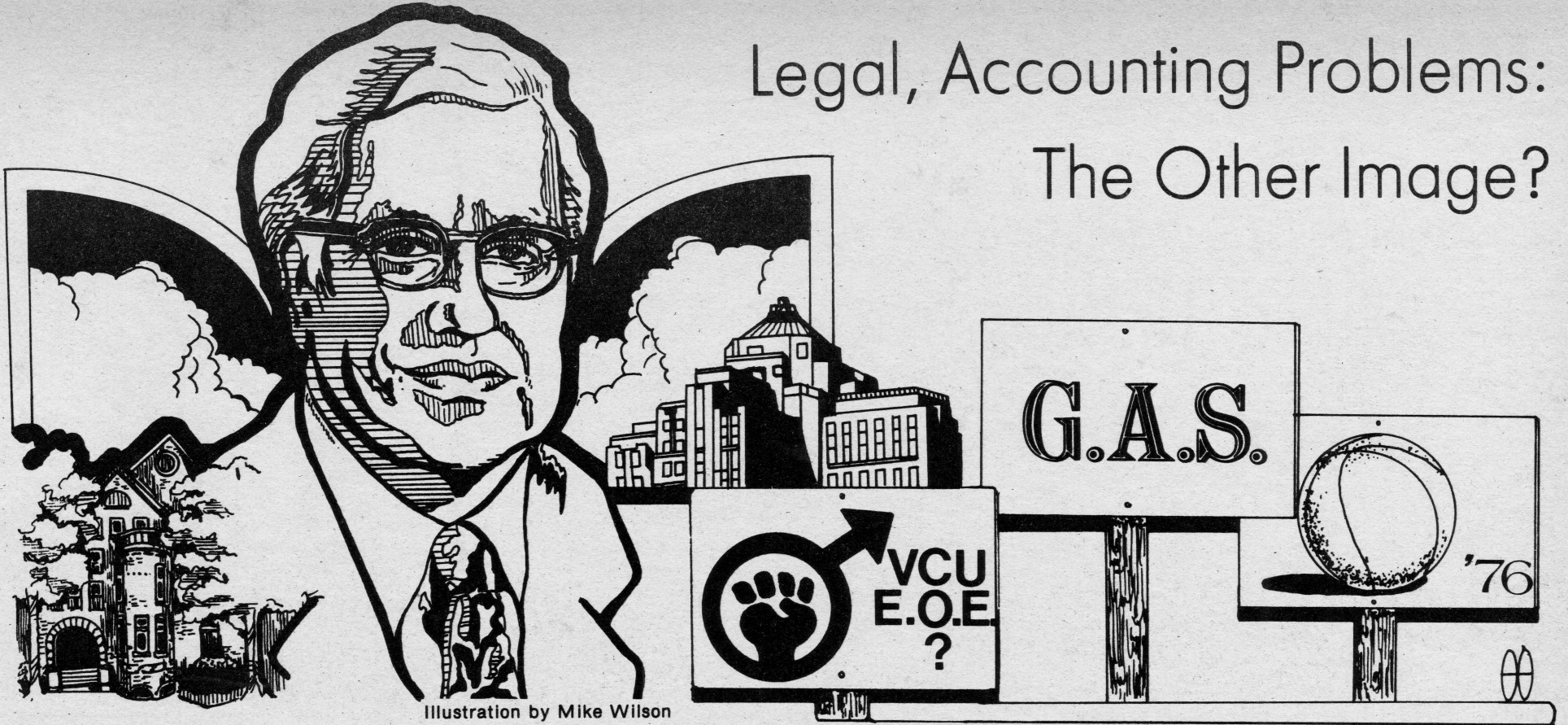


Illustration by Mike Wilson

By Bob Powell

In the last two years, Virginia Commonwealth University has encountered a number of legal and accounting problems. How those problems have affected the image of the university depends on who answers the question.

Dr. Richard I. Wilson, Vice President for Student Affairs, feels that the impact of legal and accounting problems on the image of the university is "hard to measure." He adds, however, that the results of several marketing studies show that the university has a good image over all.

"It can't have helped us," said Director of Finance, Raymond R. Holmes, when asked the same question.

Does VCU have more than its share of legal and accounting problems for a university this size?

"I don't think so," said Wilson.

Holmes did not respond to the question, saying he did not watch other universities that closely.

Holmes was mildly critical of the press and its role in examining and overplaying some news stories about VCU accounting problems. However, he said that there was a "leveling effect" due to the different emphasis various newspapers gave to each story dealing with VCU problems.

One story that Holmes thought greatly overplayed was the recent expose of Dr. Warren Strandberg, former Dean of the School of Education.

"This was most most unfortunate," Holmes said in reference to the Strandberg incident. "He actually save the institution money."

The "savings," according to Holmes, came from the fact that university money was not used for buying the furniture; instead money came from the Light House educational project.

According to Holmes, Strandberg channeled money from the Light House Project, an educational project for children in Powhatan Co. that was using Federal funds, and spent it on furniture for the offices in the School of Education. The furniture remains in use.

Holmes insisted that, due to the language of the grant's fund for the program, it is highly questionable whether Strandberg did anything legally wrong.

But soon after the expose hit the local newspapers, Strandberg was demoted to the level of professor.

Of all the legal and accounting problems that the school has faced, perhaps the most fascinating is the million dollar computer loss that occurred in September of 1974.

The computer story, which was uncovered by the now defunct Richmond Mercury, alleged that between \$1 million and \$7 million was lost by the university in faulty computer operations at MCV.

At that time, according to the Mercury articles, the Administration asked the Mercury not to print the story because it would hurt the chances of the school getting a \$93 million bond issue for hospital renovation.

Dr. Richard I. Wilson admitted that the computer foul up had caused an increase in the rate of interest the university pays for the bonds for the renovation.

Another "sticky" problem the university has had to deal with recently was Chuck Noe's salary problem which was uncovered last January.

Noe was supposed to have been paid out of non-state money collected from athletic fees and other sources that are paid into the athletic department budget.

Instead, Noe was paid out of the general fund for the school. The net effect of this was the state fund getting short-changed. The university is still paying the general fund back for the accounting error.

Holmes is optimistic that in the future, accounting problems will be kept to a minimum.

Holmes says that by plans for standardizing all university accounting, strengthened grants accounting, and greater concentration of internal accounting, some things that happened in the past should not reoccur.

In the legal field of civil rights issues, the university has paradoxical problem of experiencing suits on racial and sexual issues on many fronts. The school has been sued for allegedly discriminating against both whites and blacks.

T. Edward Temple told a reporter earlier this year that he was deeply concerned and wanted to make a positive contribution towards increasing the rights of blacks.

In an attempt to iron out racial problems at VCU, Temple and other officials met with the Black Education Association last spring. This in itself led to another problem since the meal at the meeting was paid for out of the Dean's Contingency Fund, which is financed by student money.

In other action involving civil rights issues, a white male job applicant filed suit against the university for reverse discrimination caused by the school's affirmative action program.

Judge D. Dortch Warriner ruled against VCU and said the university was guilty of reverse discrimination. The case is on appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Generally, in the courts as a whole, the courts have consistently ruled in favor of minority hiring programs and against reverse discrimination suits. But in the fourth Circuit, which some say is heavily loaded with judicial conservatives, anything can happen.

Perhaps the biggest case involving the ACLU and VCU was the Gay Alliance of Students (GAS), and their fight to be recognized as a campus organization.

Despite the fact that the courts had consistently ruled in favor of gay student groups at other universities, and that many universities had recognized gay groups without the taxpayers money being spent on expensive lawsuits, the Board of Visitors proceeded to vote against recognizing the group.

The school was partially upheld by Judge Warriner in Federal District Court but lost entirely on appeal.

The reason for the non-recognition, according to some local papers, is that the Board of Visitors thought a gay group would be bad for VCU's image.

According to a *Commonwealth Times* article on November 1, 1974, "the board was concerned with the influence such a registration would have on the community view of the school, contributions and fund raising."

Enrollment: The Administrators Ask....

Will a Better Image Pull Up the Figures?

By Mike Grubbs

According to State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) figures, VCU is now the second largest four-year institution in the Commonwealth. More than 18,300 students were enrolled here this year, about 1,000 less than the number attending Virginia Tech.

Over the last few years, several trends have taken place on the national level and at VCU which have influenced the admittance and enrollment of students. The end of the baby boom and a shift in enrollment from two-year to four-year institutions have caused registration to level off.

1976 State Council figures demonstrate that enrollment at the 15 state-supported senior institutions in Virginia increased by 3.3 per cent over 1975. Only Clinch Valley College and the College of William and Mary experienced a decline in enrollment. The VCU student body increased by 2.5 per cent; U.Va., 2.3 per cent; and Virginia Tech, 4.5 per cent.

Of the 15 senior colleges, only Clinch Valley, VCU, and Longwood failed to enroll the number of students that they had expected. Although the figures are preliminary, they do indicate that VCU enrolled 2.8 per cent fewer students than had been expected.

According to Dr. Jerrie J. Johnson, director of undergraduate admissions on the west campus, some 60 to 80 per cent of the applicants desiring admission to VCU are accepted; 55 to 60 per cent of those accepted actually enroll. These figures closely parallel the national average.

He explained that the enrollment projection for VCU was not met because this is the first year that early fall dropouts and students with failing records have been subtracted from the enrollment figure. He indicated that other schools may not follow this practice.

At a time when state funding is becoming more and more contingent of enrollment figures, Johnson says he is not under any pressure to increase the number of out-of-state students or accept more students by lowering admissions standards. In fact, he feels there is more pressure to raise the standards.

Another major national trend is an increased emphasis on public rather than private schools. State funding, diverse programs and lower costs often make state schools more attractive: 87 per cent of the college students in Virginia are enrolled in state schools. There is also a trend of more students enrolling on a part-time basis. This year about 40 per cent of VCU students hold

part-time status, a slight increase over the 1972 figure.

The enrollment trend at VCU will depend on the number of high school graduates in Virginia, attraction of out-of-state students, costs and the desire for a formal education. Johnson expects a slight increase in the number of Virginia high school graduates, and "assuming that everything stays equal—students go to four-year colleges and prefer public institutions—[enrollment] ought to remain about the same or gradually increase." 1,600 freshmen were enrolled this year, and that figure has remained stable over the past few years.

Some 25 to 35 per cent of all community college students transfer to four-year colleges, and if the number of transfers increases, VCU could experience continued slight growth. Some 1,100 students transferred to VCU last fall. This figure, too, has remained consistent with previous years.

Director of Admissions Jerrie J. Johnson sees a direct relationship between future enrollment and VCU's reputation.

The 7,500 undergraduate applications received in 1976 was a slight increase over 1975, and applications are running ahead for next fall.

One way to bring about growth is to increase out-of-state enrollment. So far, VCU has intentionally not followed this course although it would benefit financially by collecting the additional tuition. 91 per cent of VCU students are residents of Virginia; this number has remained stable for several years. By contrast, 40 per cent of U. Va.'s first year class is from out-of-state.

Despite the overwhelming presence of Virginians, VCU does not give preference to state residents in undergraduate admissions. There is a national market of over three million new high school graduates annually that could be tapped, which is why recruitment plays such an important part in the admissions process. Extensive recruitment efforts are undertaken within the state, but recruiters rarely travel out-of-state except where there are programs already set up. Johnson feels that these are of limited value since



Fall enrollment figures show that Virginia Tech's admissions increased 4.52 per cent from 1975 to 1976; VCU's went up 2.5 per cent; and the University of Virginia gained 2.3 per cent.

there is very little follow up involved. VCU does have some drawing power out-of-state, and as its reputation grows, so will the number of applicants.

VCU has good race relations, particularly with the black community in Richmond, which has been receptive to various opportunities at the university. VCU is, according to enrollment figures, one of the most racially balanced schools in the state. While 18.5 per cent of all Virginians are black, 16 per cent of the student body and 18 per cent of the freshman class is black. By comparison, U.Va.'s first year class is less than one per cent black.

Johnson pointed out that "no significant special effort is made to get a particular type of student," meaning that black and white applicants are treated equally. However, VCU admits about 200 disadvantaged students from low income areas every year to its Special Services Program. These students, many of whom are black, possess academic potential but do not meet general admissions requirements.

Johnson said, "We feel very strongly that recruitment, which certainly is a major function of ours, should also be a major function of the administration and faculty. We can talk ourselves blue in the face about our programs and they [applicants] could go to that area and get a cold response. [Then] everything we have tried to do...well, we have lost the battle. By and large, the faculty has been very receptive in promoting their programs in a candid and honest way."

Besides slow growth, Johnson foresees a direct relationship between future enrollment and VCU's reputation. "There is greater statewide awareness of the comprehensiveness of VCU," he says. "It has become apparent to people that VCU is here to stay, [it has] had an impact on the state, and has spread its influence over the east coast. Our reputation is growing in a positive sense." He cites greater cooperation between the two campuses as a trend which will aid the university: "Every year there seems to be more acceptance [of the merger] as the campuses pull together toward a common cause."

"You're From VCU? You're Hired!"

By Marty Croll

Richmond area businessmen say it took the prestige of MCV to make the business world recognize the strengthening VCU academic campus. According to a personnel manager, the programs offered at VCU were adequate, but were seldom recognized by the community until the VCU west campus—then Richmond Professional Institute—merged with the Medical College of Virginia.

Now VCU has "lost that arty flavor" associated with its name, says Robert G. Wampler, manager of personnel placement for A.H. Robins Co., whose Richmond headquarters direct the 135-country corporation.

Wampler says RPI was known as a school of the arts "and was just not appealing to businesses" before the RPI-MCV merger in 1968. The consolidation "gave the whole college prestige."

"There were a number of good programs down there and good courses besides business," he says, "but I just don't believe VCU had attained the status it has [now] with the general public and the business community until the name changed." Apparently now VCU's image is emerging from darker years.

Personnel manager Tom Nash of Reynolds Metals Co. says that although VCU now ranks fifth among all colleges and universities that have contributed to Reynolds, he feels that "many of

the graduates VCU turned out several years ago did not fit into our needs."

But Nash says one-fourth of the area college graduates his company hired last year came from VCU. VCU graduates work there in accounting, data processing, labs, sales and marketing, personnel and production supervising and control fields.

Nash says he has "seen a marked improvement in VCU in the last 15 years—strictly from a business standpoint—in the image and the quality of the graduates and their training."

"We [Reynolds] have been pleased particularly with the expansion and improvement of the business department" at VCU, he says, and the sales and marketing graduates "are particularly attractive to us. They've [VCU] really gotten strong there."

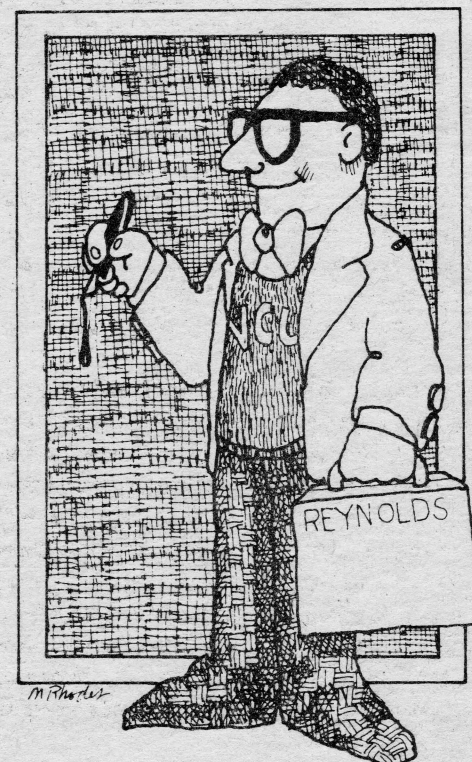
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in his company equals that of other schools in the state. Although VCU has no engineering school—to which, he says, much prestige would be attached—it is connected with MCV, which to him "is certainly as prestigious as any institution around." He says the MCV-RPI merger "really helped" increase the west campus's credibility.

Wampler of Robins says this increased credibility became obvious when University of Richmond evening school students transferred to the VCU School of Business after the merger. "They felt the VCU Master of Business Administration program would hold more status at VCU then," he says.

Wampler says he would just as quickly hire a VCU graduate as he would a graduate from any other school—depending on personal qualifications. "I don't think you would find Robins status-conscious because of a degree from any other school." He says that University of



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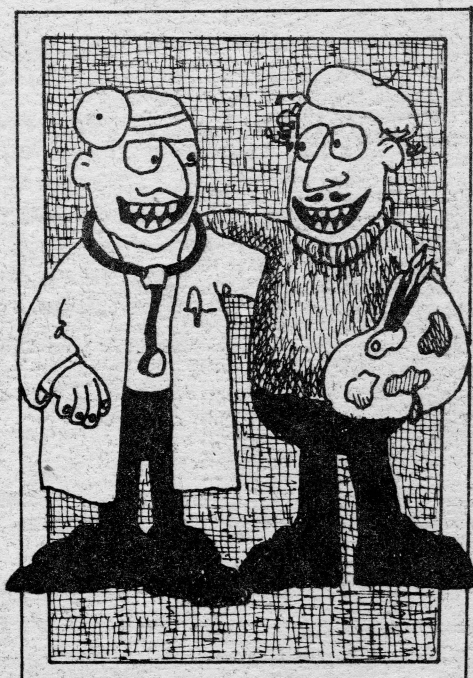
Roy Davis of Phillip Morris Inc., a cigarette and tobacco manufacturing plant in Richmond, says his company hires "probably more people from VCU than from University of Richmond or the University of Virginia."

Davis, who is in charge of some college recruiting, says he has "high regard for VCU graduates. We've been hiring VCU people as long as the school has been in existence, and we plan to keep on hiring them."

VCU graduates occupy positions "in almost all aspects of business" in every department in Phillip Morris, according to Davis.

A recent survey of Richmond businessmen's perceptions of VCU shows most businessmen believe VCU offers as good an education as other schools in Virginia. Only 2.8 per cent of those surveyed disagreed with the statement, "VCU graduates have the necessary knowledge for their jobs," and only about 10 per cent said VCU graduates are not as desirable as other college graduates.

Less than nine per cent agreed that VCU graduates are not as well trained as other graduates, and only 3.7 per cent disagreed with the statement, "VCU overall is a good university."



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The Selling of the University 1

An Interview with the President

By Jim Jennings, Mike Welton and Brett Averill/ Photos by Tim Wright

In 1968, the Virginia General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Wayne Commission to establish an urban university within the City of Richmond by merging the Medical College of Virginia and Richmond Professional Institute into one institution: Virginia Commonwealth University. Its goal was to provide an educational environment which would stimulate teaching, research, service and the development of professional skills, while remaining in constant touch with the needs and desires of the urban community. In short, a university with an urban thrust.

Yet, although VCU is a comprehensive, contemporary university as the admission brochures describe it, somewhere along the path of the university's history it has been tarnished by problems, actions and reactions. Some say it suffers an image problem.

Perhaps the major part of the image problem of the university has been in the makeup of its student body. For years, the university has had a reputation for "freak" students, "hippies" and "artists" accompanied by a feeling that it is the most liberal college in the state.

But one wonders whether Dr. T. Edward Temple, following his first year as president, is planning to change that abnormal image.

"No, I'm not going to change that at all. I think we have a special mission—I think we have a unique mission, and if that is our image, so be it. That doesn't upset me at all. I like that kind of image. It's different. We're not set in concrete; we're not bound by traditions. We can do things that other institutions cannot do because of the flexibility we do have. We're growing up, we're becoming more mature. At the same time, if liberal means to try new things, to become innovative, to do things that other institutions fear doing, that's fine."

However, with the known conservative attitudes of the more prestigious and powerful political figures throughout the Commonwealth—especially within the halls of the General Assembly—that "liberal" connotation has hindered the university in securing the necessary funding it requires to continue to grow and build.

"That image, though, is being overcome," says Temple. "As I move across the state, as we have during the past three or four months, I find we're getting a whole new image here at this institution: of quality education, of certain schools with prestige—the School of the Arts, for example, the School of Business, on this campus; of course, the School of Medicine on the other campus; all of those are becoming more prestigious in the eyes of the people of the Commonwealth."

In attempting to continue that improvement in curriculum and image, Temple has initiated an Institutional Planning Program geared toward plotting the future of the university. He says, though, "It's too early to say how the new mission statement is going to differ from the current mission statement of the university. I think it's going to differ some because I see some new dimensions here. I see Virginia

Commonwealth University becoming more sophisticated than it was at the beginning in 1968. I see new responses that the university is going to have to make in the years ahead.

"I think there is some basic disagreement, or certainly, not total agreement, complete agreement among ourselves as to what kind of student body we are going to have in the future, but I think—as I have said on numerous occasions—that our greatest potential in student body enrollment will come from part-time students, the working student, in the years ahead. In that respect, VCU is far ahead of the average university or college in this country. Last year was the first time across the nation that we had more part-time students than we had full-time students. We're getting close to 50 per cent, I guess, of the student body who are now part-time. So it seems to me that's our great potential. If it is our greatest potential, then we are going to have to, in many ways, redesign our courses of study to meet the new desires and new needs of students." He hopes the new mission statement will be completed by March.



"I guess most of us perceive it as described by the Wayne Commission: located in the core city, making it an urban university. We are still an urban university, now being a comprehensive, but with an urban thrust. There's a difference between the core city setting and making it a metropolitan complex, not just being in the core city itself. It gives it a wider definition. Virginia Commonwealth University has an urban thrust, still responding to the needs of the city but going far beyond that."

However, Temple, as well as the university's administration, are working to enhance VCU's image among the general public, even more importantly, among the General Assembly. So last fall, Temple's Office of University Relations began a Legislative Relations Program to inform Assemblymen of VCU's needs for funds and facilities. Temple says, "It has been good, Temple says, and it has been difficult to detect any change."

Temple concedes that the university's attempt at creating an image among the members of the Assembly: "For years, we've been trying to sell what we have here to the public. I don't think we have been very successful. I'm reluctant to use the word 'defeat' but I think we don't need to. Our programs ought to speak for themselves."

Several critics of the university say that VCU is attempting to sell its image rather than the programs which it offers. Temple acknowledges, "It's true [the university] has to offer. Or it can come. But it so happens that what we have to offer, that's a long-term kind of thing."

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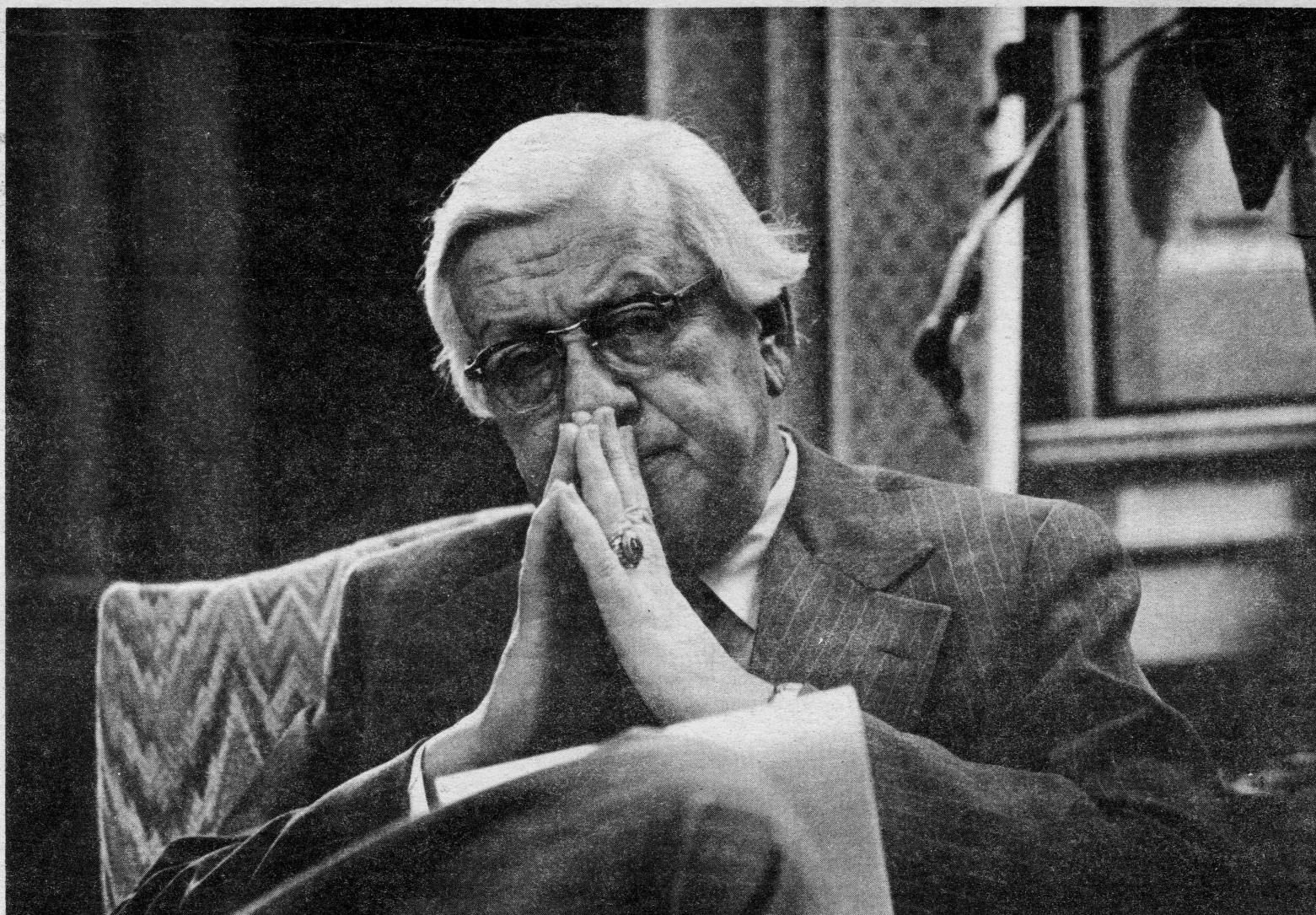
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Temple's problems with VCU's image involve more than persons outside the university. For even within the VCU community, the university finds itself divided into two entities: the academic campus and the MCV campus. "One of the major causes [of disunity] is that students on the other campus are motivated largely by the fact that they are involved in professional work, graduate work for the most part. Those students are more mature, by virtue of age, than students on this campus. Another reason might be that some of the people on the two campuses really are not talking about one university. I know of example where students on the other campus are apparently totally unaware that they are a part of VCU. they think in terms of MCV and not VCU.

"I think there are areas of compatibility and areas of incompatibility. I think where we can find compatible areas, we ought to bring it together. I think we'd just as well recognize that there are interests on the other campus that are, further, incompatible with interests on this campus. And where that is happening, I doubt seriously that any attempt to force that would be popular. We don't have joint faculty meetings. one on the other campus and one on this one. We have many common interests, but a lot that aren't common, too."



Reflections of an Era

A Conversation with Virginius Dabney

By Bob Powell

The life of Virginius Dabney has been a long and productive one. He is the author of five books on Southern and Virginia history and politics; he was editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for 33 years; he was member of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union during the turbulent era of the 1930s, part of a committee that shaped the Civil Service for Virginia state government; and in 1948 he won a Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

At the age of 75, Dabney looks and acts much younger. Since his retirement from the *Times-Dispatch* at the age of 68, he has written two books: *Virginia: The New Dominion* and *Richmond: Story of a City*. He presently serves on the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors and is active in the Virginia Historical Society.

Perhaps Dabney is most famous for advocating many liberal political causes in Virginia in the 1930s and 1940s. While today it might be easier to espouse the causes of liberalism and in some circles it may even be fashionable, the era in which Dabney rose to prominence was a far different one than the one of today.

Sounding similar to a character out of a Woody Guthrie Dust Bowl Ballad, Dabney described the world of his youthful years.

"We were very backwards in many ways. There were obvious injustices and unfair practices. It was obvious to many that things needed to be changed," says Dabney.

The former editor went on to describe the situation of blacks in that era of Jim Crow Segregation.

"Segregation was supposed to be based on 'separate but equal' but there was no equality at all," says Dabney. "In the facilities offered blacks, it was a totally one-sided, unfair distribution of the tax money. Schools for blacks were totally inferior."

"The labor situation was such that they couldn't get good jobs except very rarely," says Dabney in reference to racial discrimination practices in labor.

Not only does Dabney feel that blacks were getting the short end of the stick, but he felt compassion towards the plight of white workers and the emerging labor movement.

"I think white working people were also discriminated against. There were low wage scales and unions were grossly discriminated against. At that time, they were victimized by company police and tough strike breakers who shot them in the back if necessary," Dabney says.

Also during the turbulent thirties, in 1939, Dabney spoke out against the poll tax. The tax, which levied a mandatory tax before voting was allowed, was felt to be a monetary barrier keeping blacks and poor whites away from the voting booths. It wasn't until almost thirty years after Dabney spoke out against the tax in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* editorial that the poll tax was abolished.

Over the years, Dabney became acquainted with many of the political figures in Virginia politics. The most dominant figure in Virginia politics was undoubtedly Harry Byrd, Sr., father of today's Senator Harry Byrd, Jr.

According to Dabney, Harry Byrd, Sr. began his public career as a reform governor, "one of the most progressive."

Byrd enacted the first anti-lynching law in the South and fought two giant corporations, Standard Oil and the telephone company, over their rate practices in the state. Byrd also made money available to build badly needed roads and highways which has permanently endeared him to many voters in Virginia.



However, Dabney is quick to point out the negative effects of over 40 years of Byrd dominance in Virginia politics.

"He became increasingly conservative as time went on until he became an arch-conservative," says Dabney. "On the race question, he almost got us into a fix like Alabama and Mississippi were in. We might have had troops down here if he would have had his way."

Dabney also is critical of the Byrd Machine's financial policies, commonly called "pay as you go." Under this policy, the state was allowed very little room to borrow money for capital outlay for such services as schools, welfare, medical facilities and other similar items.

"He was a bad influence on state government because he was so opposed to spending money for anything. He had an absolute phobia about going into debt. Every business firm I know about has to borrow money to achieve goals. People borrow money to buy homes. If it is done sensibly there is no reason why it isn't a good thing to do," Dabney says.

The changes in Virginia financial fund raising Dabney attributes to Governor Mills Godwin. In his first term, Dabney points out, Godwin put through changes in the Virginia Constitution that gave the state more freedom to borrow money for social service projects.

As far as current politicians go, Dabney has a distaste for Henry Howell, referring to him as a "rabble rouser."

Dabney doesn't think the prospects are too good for the current Republican Lt. Governor John Dalton to win the Governor's mansion.

Dabney's bet for the Governorship is Attorney-General Andrew P. Miller. Ironically Andrew Miller's father, Francis P. Miller, was a close friend of Dabney's. Francis P. Miller was the leader of the anti-Byrd faction of the Democratic Party in Virginia for many years.

Dabney quickly admits that the flaming liberalism of his youth has turned more conservative as the years have gone by.

On the labor movement today, he says, "I think they have gone to far."

On many current political issues, Dabney admits that he can no longer be considered a liberal. He readily admits that the implementation of many of the goals he fought for and age have caused his increasing conservatism.

In a philosophical manner, Dabney says, "Young people tend to be more liberal. It's a fact of life. The things that seemed so liberal then are commonly accepted now."

Interestingly, the man whose name was synonymous with liberal politics in the South cast his vote in the last Presidential election for Gerald R. Ford, a Northern conservative who was running against a Southern liberal, Jimmy Carter.

"I am no longer considered liberal and I don't guess I am by current standards which seem to link people like Ted Kennedy, Walter Mondale, Hubert Humphrey and Jacob Javits. I hardly agree with them on anything," says Dabney.

For 33 years, Dabney was editor of the editorial pages of the *Times-Dispatch*. There have always been allegations that the *Times-Dispatch* has killed stories that would embarrass



Photos by Tim Wright

conservative politicians and that its editorial pages are meant only to serve the status quo.

Dabney, in refuting these allegations, says, "I was left very much to my own devices. I was given a lot of freedom.

"I don't mean to say everything was decided by me. When there was a candidate for governor or president, the publisher wanted to make some contribution to the decision, but in almost all cases he left it to me," says Dabney.

The interior of Dabney's house in Richmond's West End reflects his passion for writing history of the South and particularly of Virginia.

The house has many vintage pieces of antique furniture and a vast collection of books. In this atmosphere, it was easy to get Dabney to talk about the books he has written.

His first books, *Liberalism in the South*, *Below the Potomac*, *Dry Messiah: The Life of Bishop Cannon*, were written on

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weekends or in his spare time. Dabney feels that his last books were easier to write because he had more time to put into them.

Unlike many struggling writers, Dabney did not have to search out publishers because they came to him. He was approached by the University of North Carolina Press to write his first book, *Liberalism in the South*, published in 1932.

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Green Grass at VCU

By Janet Northern

VCU has a School of the Arts that it can be proud of. It is the only state-supported, professional School of the Arts in Virginia and in the entire South. "It is also one of the few in the nation offering a professional curriculum within a combined academic and professional environment," says the Academic Campus Bulletin. But what does this powerful piece of information mean to the high school seniors in Richmond who are interested in art careers and must face the horrifying task of choosing a school? Four art instructors in Richmond area schools were questioned to find out how they feel about the School of the Arts at VCU, and how they advise their students.

Douglas Southall Freeman is a prestigious, public school in Henrico County that has sent many of its art students down the long and winding road that leads to VCU. When asked if she recommends VCU to her students, Ms. Susan Bright said that it depends upon the student. "Some students just want to get away from home, get out of the area." But for the students who want to stay in Richmond, she recommends VCU, especially the Fashion Design or Commercial Art Departments. Ms. Bright commented that Freeman has taken many of its students to VCU to see the fine facilities that the Art School has to offer. But with her truly exceptional students, however, she has found that many need to go elsewhere. "These students may already have connections in Richmond, or at VCU, thus their roads already paved. They may not find the competition they need. Then I advise New York or Rhode Island."

Not so says Ms. Susan Gordon, an instructor at The Collegiate Schools, a small private school also in Henrico County. "Competition is not all important. If a student's only competition is his fellow students, then he is certainly in trouble. The challenge must come from inside."

Ms. Gordon recommends VCU for those students interested in Commercial Art and Photography. She concentrates on the individual student to see how well he can handle a large university with a large, impersonal art school. "Many universities look only at a student's portfolio and not the person. At VCU, a student would get the attention he needed."

Ms. Gordon also states that many students do feel the urge to get away from their families and the city they grew up in. "VCU is never seriously considered by these students because they feel that anything local is not quite as good as elsewhere. That hurts them, as well as VCU."

At Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, the art instructor, Mr. Bud Hailey, praises VCU. "I just know it's a good school," he beams. "I went there and taught there and

In this way, she feels she can work with the individual. "I am always advising VCU. I feel it is one of the top colleges in the country for art."

Ms. Miller finds that many of her students have gone to VCU and she is glad of it. But quite a few of her most talented students have chosen other art schools. Ms. Miller said that VCU has a fantastic atmosphere for art. "The fact that it is a city school enhances its value. With VCU and the Virginia Museum, Richmond is an excellent place to teach art, as well as find it. VCU is certainly an asset to this city."

In response to these comments, Mr. Thomas H. De Smidt, Assistant Dean to the School of Art, had a great deal to say. "On the whole, the art instructors in the Richmond area are doing a fine job in giving their students the basic skills they need for college. They also make an effort

graduate who can perform in many other fields. Art is not a dead end."

DeSmidt finds that the School of Art does suffer from a public relations problem. "We suffered in the late sixties and early seventies from the drug culture. It gave the Fan a bad image. But our students never stopped being very serious about their work, nor did we. We were and still are a hard working professional school that tolerates no nonsense and that is the quality of our work."

In response to the fact that many exceptional students in Richmond do feel the need to go elsewhere for their education, De Smidt said that he couldn't argue with that. "Some students need to get out of the traditional home environment for maximum creativity and inventiveness. For that, we advise dormitory living. The fact that many Richmond students do seek other art schools is inevitable, but many return to VCU after one or two years of those schools. If they had started at VCU in our Advanced Placement Program, we could have saved them a year out of their educations. We are a good quality school made better with better quality students."

The School of Art at VCU is a strong part of the university and the city of Richmond. Students from all parts of the country, state, and city have found that it offers an excellent and unique education in every department. For high school instructors who feel that career opportunities are few in the Fine Arts, they must look at their calendars to find that it is 1977 and not 1968. They must shake the idea that "Richmond begins west of the Boulevard." As for the high school students who believe that the grass is always greener at other schools, well, that's a shame. They should look a little harder to find that the ideal spot for their four years of higher education in art just might be in their own backyards. Although we don't have much of it, the grass is also green at VCU.

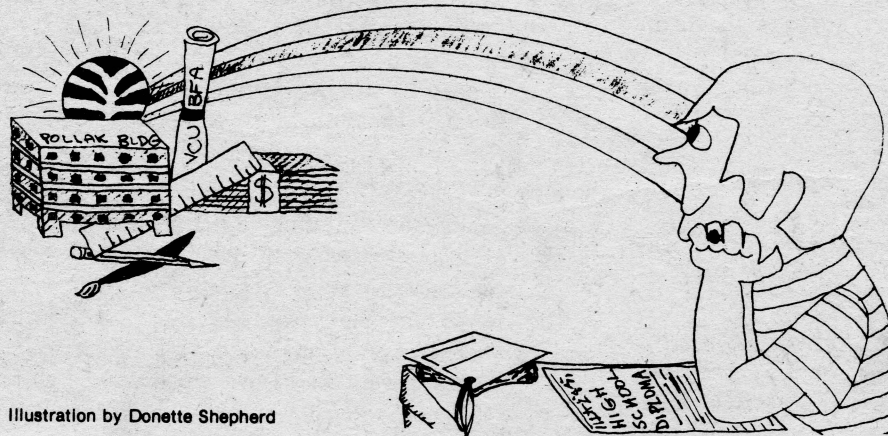


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the atmosphere is super. No way I'd prefer grass and trees to the Fan." Mr. Hailey believes that VCU went through a stage where the in-vogue hippie look frightened interested, but innocent students and their parents away. Now that's changed," he replies. Everything changes so quickly." He also comments that many of his students insist on going away. But Richmond and VCU catch up with them in the end. "I have never found VCU anything but hard, and the competition stiff," he says.

Ms. Anne Miller is an art instructor at John Marshall High School in the city. She provides a career program for all of her art students.

to be knowledgeable about the programs we offer here. They do send groups to see VCU, as well as ask us to visit their schools. We are always ready to do that." De Smidt found that any problems that lie between the Richmond high schools and the School of Art are not with the advisors. He said that these advisors push arts and sciences and not fine arts because of the lack of employment opportunities in art. "This is wrong," said De Smidt, "because art is a science, it is inventive and requires a great deal of creativity. A student who pursues a degree in Fine Arts will be a resourceful

Dabney

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Of *Liberalism in the South*, Dabney says, "I used a lot of big words I wasn't sure of the meaning of."

The author says that publishers approached him on all his books except one. The best in terms of sales have been his most current ones, *Richmond: Story of a City* and *Virginia: The New Dominion*.

The most difficult book to get published was *The Dry Messiah: The Life of Bishop Cannon*. The reason for this was the good Bishop himself.

Besides being a Bishop in the Methodist Church, Cannon was a predominant political figure between 1920 and 1944. His forum for power was the crusade against consumption of alcohol: prohibition.

The idea to publish a book about Cannon came to Dabney in 1928 but it was 21 years later, 1949, before the book was published, five years after the death of Cannon.

The reason for the delay was that Cannon had a habit for filing libel suits against anyone who wrote negatively about him. Publishers, even if they thought they could win, did not want to deal with the legal expenses of the cases.

Despite the Bishop's grand crusade against alcohol, he was constantly being tried on charges that were very unbecoming to a Methodist Bishop.

But even though the good Bishop was tried on various unholy charges, he was acquitted and made a good deal of money on out-of-court libel settlements.

"He was on the front page day after day, month after month, for years. He was charged with thievery, adultery and bucket-shop gambling. He was the smartest, slickest, shrewdest guy you can imagine," Dabney says of Bishop Cannon.

Education has long been a passion of Dabney and as a member of the Board of Visitors of VCU, he has had to take sides on some of their controversial actions.

Perhaps the most sensitive debate was over the recognition of the Gay Alliance of Students. Dabney admits that he voted against recognition of the group. After a two-year battle in Federal Courts, it was ruled that the school would have to accept the group.

"I didn't want to put an official stamp of approval on the organization. I wasn't in favor of penalizing them overtly either but I am not that upset over the decision. I don't see any use in pursuing it further," adds Dabney.

The former newspaper man was also opposed to public meetings. "The minutes of the Board meeting are open within 48 hours," Dabney says in defense of private meetings for the Visitors. "It is a natural inclination of any citizen to say that this is an agency of the taxpayers spending tax money so we ought to be able to know everything that goes on. It is not as simple as that."

Dabney says that matters such as personality clashes, salaries and files on prospective employees should not be aired in the press or before the public. According to Dabney, this would cause chaos in running the school. "There are things that simply can not be aired in the public press. When somebody is up for consideration for a dean-ship or other posts, you just can't discuss his liabilities and assets out in front of a reporter who is going to put it in the paper," says Dabney.

In praising T. Edward Temple, the university president, Dabney says he was proposing that he be given more help in administering the school. "He's doing a fine job," says Dabney. "He's working 18 to 20 hours a day." Dabney says Temple was "ideal" for the job because he was so highly regarded in the state and because of his administrative ability.

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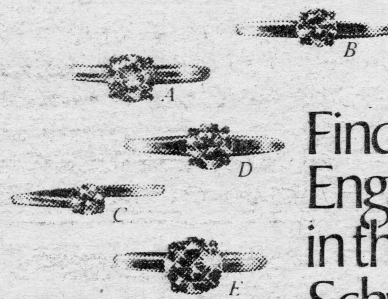
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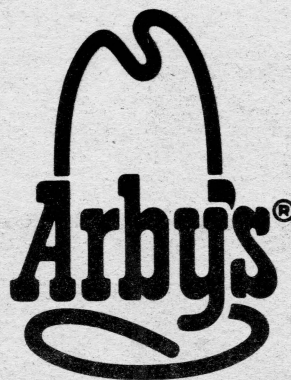
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Athletics and the Changing VCU Community

By Bob Harrell

Is VCU's athletic department beneficial only to the student athletics? According to Sports Information Director Earl McIntyre, the answer is an emphatic no. "The athletic department gets the university into the state, regional, and national limelight." In fact, McIntyre said that the major change he has observed has been "an all out effort to continue to improve the image of the athletic department in the eyes of the people outside through word, deed, and action."

'I was the athletic department'

"I was the athletic department," said Edward P. Allen, associate professor in physical education and former baseball, basketball, and soccer coach. Along with Frances Chapman in 1950, he started the first physical education degree program offered at what was then called Richmond Professional Institute. The athletic department was then part of the P. E. Department, and according to Allen, the major change in the department was "separating athletics from physical education and giving the two separate budgets."

During the foundation period there were no athletic scholarships, poor athletic facilities, and an extremely small coaching staff. "When we started I was the trainer as well as the coach," Allen said. He explained that when players were injured "we used to just throw them on the bench and just tape them up."

'all we had was a bucket in the shower room'

When the present trainer, George Borden, came to VCU in 1968 as a student trainer, conditions hadn't improved much. "All we had was a

bucket in the shower room," he said.

Borden admits that when he was a high school senior at Thomas Jefferson and living only ten minutes from campus "RPI was the last place I thought about going." He came, however, and by the time he graduated, Richmonders' "outlook of VCU had broadened. They looked at it more as a well-rounded university instead of just an art school."

Borden added that so far this year "the only thing I've heard from people here and out of state is praise for overcoming the recent adversities." No matter where he goes people are saying, "Hey, VCU is putting it all together."



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'I'm sure the merger had something to do with it'

Bet Royster, director of women's athletics, said that when she came here in 1964 "those people who knew anything about RPI had respect for it and were aware of the problems and were aware of the potential. It wasn't, however, well thought of by people who weren't well informed about the school."

"I don't know why people thought that, and I'm not sure why it had the bad reputation it did," she said.

She, too, feels that through the years the athletic department as well as the university's reputation has changed. "I'm sure the merger had something to do with it."

In 1968 the General Assembly voted to combine two area state-supported schools--the ill-reputed RPI and the highly esteemed Medical College of Virginia--and created VCU.

'an opportunity to go to school on a grant-in-aid'

As the reputation began to change the city of Richmond started to feel the effects. "It's given the people in the city of Richmond a chance to see good competition in a variety of sports," Royster said. "It will continue to give Richmond students an opportunity to go to school on a grant-in-aid."

Allen pointed out, "As we improve, we bring more people into the community." Both Allen and McIntyre emphasized that as the number of fans increased, area businesses sold more food and services.

McIntyre said that many of the athletes do volunteer work in the community. "For instance, at Grace House they work a couple of hours a day seven days a week."

According to Borden, "a lot of high school kids come here for treatment." He explained that the university allowed injured high school students to use the training room and added that the coaches here help at sports camps and clinics.

Judy Newcomb's volleyball team, according to Royster, "put on something like 75 workshops at public schools and several clinics at VCU. It's amazing what that has done to promote volleyball at public schools."

Borden said that in the past, the basketball team has played against prisoners in the state penitentiary. He also explained that the department "let children who wouldn't be able to see an athletic event get into games free."

Royster said that the department had "not only shown a high quality program but has gotten people interested in VCU as a whole." Commenting on the recent problems the men's basketball team has had, Royster said, "It was bad when it happened, but since the basketball team has been able to do what they did, it's gained praise from the community."

"I think that the problems and the manner in which they were handled increased the interest of Richmond," McIntyre said. He explained that most people felt a closeness to the underdogs and "we were cast in that role."

'it's a slow process, but I think we're getting there'

"Richmond rallied to our side," he said. "I think they'd like to see us national champions in volleyball, basketball, and baseball."

Allen also feels that the situation is improving. "I think that under the present set up VCU's going to make it."

"It's a slow process," McIntyre said, "but I think we're getting there."

He Only Told Them What They Wanted to Hear

By Dennis Hedgepeth

He didn't have much to say following the final game of the Richmond Times-Dispatch Basketball Tournament. VCU lost the first game of the tournament to last year's ACC champion, University of Virginia, by only seven points. The consolation game the next night proved equally as disappointing, as the Rams dropped a close decision to cross-town rival University of Richmond, 58-55.

The dressing room was quiet following that final game. And when he walked out of the dressing room that night his eyes were sad. He couldn't stand still. He moved down the hall leading to the locker rooms and stood at the doorway leading onto the floor where VPI and U.Va. were preparing for the championship game of the tournament.

He peered through the open door at the activity on the floor, as if there were no people on the court or in the stands. An emptiness. A void.

He turned, making his steps

slowly, his long legs moving his basketball structure to the dark corner of the lobby. He had been here before. You could tell as he stood talking, but not saying much. His hands always in his pockets. All that was distinctly visible were his eyes which were illuminated by a small beam of light. Those sad eyes. Those eyes that had seen both victory and now, again, defeat.

Suddenly, a small gathering of three or four VCU well-wishers began to whoop it up. Right in the lobby. And you could see the smile appear on his face as he took his hand out of his pocket and waved to the fans. A wave of recognition. You could not hear him say it because of the noise, but you could see his lips move to form the word "thanks." And you could feel what this one man had finally brought to VCU that it has never really had before. A sense of pride.

"I think we played as hard as any team you'll see on the court," said VCU coach Dana Kirk. His eyes had changed now. They were hard. Sure. Looking to the future already.

And then he talked about the turnovers. His team being "wild with the ball." And the second half change in the Ram defense that turned the game around.

As he walked down the long hall to the post-game news conference, his eyes retained their former appearance. Sad. Something was bothering him. Something deep inside. Something that you can see in a man when it's about to burst out of him.

He entered the reporter-filled room and placed his foot in the chair at the front. Then came the usual lead question. One from an experienced reporter who knew that he had to break the ice.

"What will it take to ever beat Richmond?" the reporter asked. Kirk smiled and every reporter in the place smiled hoping that this would ease the tension.

And Kirk replied a few seconds later that the "law of averages" would catch up with them sooner or later.

The atmosphere was somehow different now. Kirk seemed more at ease. But the question had to come. It was inevitable. Every reporter had seen the games. Now they wanted it straight from the horse's mouth. Somebody they could quote. An authority.

"What did you think of the officiating? The referees?" The room

became silent. Only the sound of his foot could be heard as it came off the chair. He took a step to his left, turned, and faced his audience. The words came slow and without anger or bias. From his deep voice came force and concern. "In all my life I've never seen such poor officiating. The sign of a good basketball game is when you walk out with no doubts."

He stopped and pondered his thoughts for a moment.

"It has nothing to do with the breaks or sour grapes. Sometimes

our kids could call the games better. Maybe the refs feel they're there to be seen but these tournament games are the worse I've ever seen.

"I don't know if it's incompetence, lack of knowledge, out there for the money or what."

The room was silent for a moment. Every reporter in the room knew it. Kirk only told them what they wanted to hear.

The conference ended and Kirk added, as if to defy any force that gets in his team's way, "We're gonna get there."

Rams Down Methodist, Ready for Boston

By Mike Harris

Who'da thunk it?

With Wednesday night's 81-64 win over Methodist College in the Franklin St. Gym, the Rams basketball team evened their record at 6-6, and entered the second half of the season with spirit and optimism that was thought impossible as little as six weeks ago.

"I'm pleased, but not satisfied," said Ram head coach Dana Kirk, the man many credit with helping to pull a sagging program back on its feet.

"You couldn't find a happier bunch. There isn't anyone who is playing harder than we are. There is complete satisfaction as a group. You can't even run them off the court after practice, which is unusual.

"I'm not satisfied with our record. No coach should ever be satisfied. I feel we could be 10-2 or 9-3."

Wednesday night's win, the team's 28th in a row at the Franklin St. Gym, left Kirk with ambiguous feelings.

"We played fairly well," he said. We had a spurt late in the first half which got us our advantage.

"The defense was the difference. We played a fairly intense defense. We didn't start out shooting too well, and we got a little lackluster early in the second half and let them come back."

The man who led the Rams' attack was 6-foot-9 sophomore center Ren Watson, who finished with 20 points, 17 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

"Watson was a big intimidating factor," praised Kirk.

Kirk was also pleased with the way the Rams ran the ball.

"There is not a day that goes by without us working on our running

game," he said. "It showed up in our play.

"Our timing is getting better, but I'm concerned about some things we aren't doing well. We're not going to the boards as well as I'd like, and I'm disappointed in our foul shooting.

"But we are hitting the open man a lot better, and everybody knows where everyone else will be on the court."

Gerald Henderson led the Rams in scoring with 26 points. The 6-foot-3 junior also had five assists. Tony DiMaria and Tim Binns also got into double figures with 12 and 10 points respectively.

A new member of the Rams, junior college transfer Wes Carmack saw four minutes of action.

The Rams next encounter will be tomorrow night in Boston against the Boston University Terriers. It will be the first meeting between the two clubs.

Even though the Rams have had trouble winning in the past on the road, Kirk is not concerned.

"We're just coming off a win on the road (The Rams beat Western Carolina, 79-66, on Jan. 4)," he said. "If we play well, we have a good chance of winning. But Boston is capable of beating anybody. They only lost to Georgetown (nationally ranked at the beginning of the season) by three at Georgetown."

Baseball Meeting

Any student interested in trying out for the VCU varsity baseball team is invited to attend an organizational meeting Friday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. in the main gym. Practice for the 1977 season begins Tuesday, Feb. 1.



Photo by Tim Wright
Dana Kirk

Bad Luck, Injuries Plague Wrestlers

By Charles French

Head coach Tom Legge and his wrestling team just finished up a six-event pre-Christmas schedule with a 2-4 record that could have easily been 4-1 if not for some bad luck.

The Rams finished respectfully at the York Spartan open behind a magnificent performance by junior Carlton Wimberly. Wrestling in the 141-pound class, Wimberly won five matches (two by pins) to take first place in his division, and was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

The Rams, scheduled to attend the Southern Open in Chattanooga, ran into their first streak of bad luck when six matmen sustained leg and knee injuries prior to the tournament. VCU was forced to cancel the engagement.

The spectre of bad luck cropped up again as the Rams took a one-point loss from Liberty Baptist College on a wrestling technicality.

The technicality occurred when, in coach Legge's words, "Terry [Corbin] was ahead of his opponent

by twelve points, and then he made the pin before the horn. But the timer noticed that the clock and the horn were out of synchronization, and the horn had sounded two seconds after time had run out. Corbin had made his pin in those two seconds, and the pin was called back by the timer.

"We would have gotten six team points and a tie in the event if Corbin had gotten his pin, but we were given five points instead and the loss. The whole thing just added to the frustration." A Ram forfeit earlier in the match had also hurt VCU.

Things did not come any easier to the Rams in their 44-0 loss in a match with North Carolina State, a perennial ACC powerhouse.

"N.C. State won the ACC Tournament last year, and they have a really fine team," said Legge. "But the match was a lot closer than the score indicated."

When the Rams faced George Washington two days later, the team turned a 38-12 victory into what Legge termed, "Our best match yet."

Following the win against George

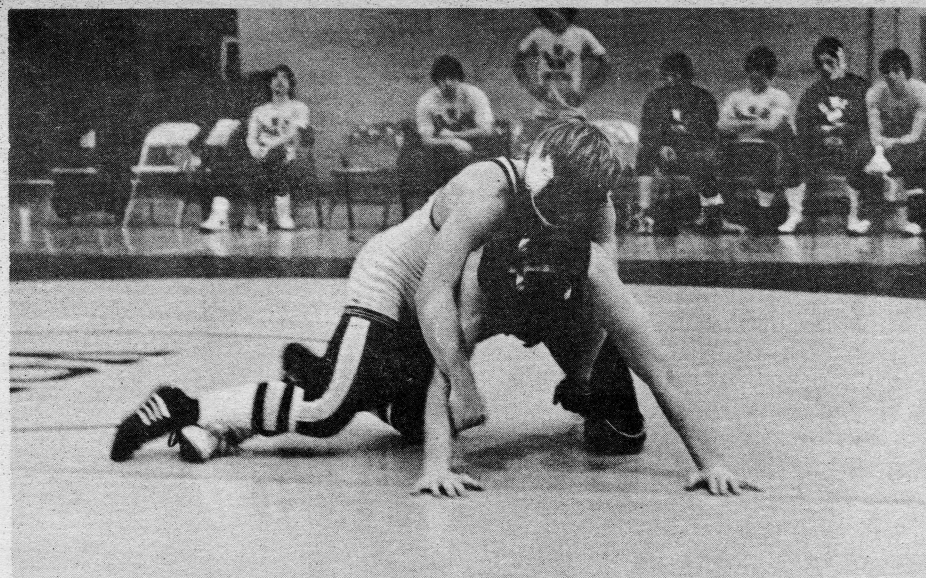


Photo by Bill Eby

Terry Corbin attempts to outmaneuver his George Washington University opponent.

Washington, a mediocre Ram performance against American University netted the Rams a 28-19 loss. "American had a pretty fair team," Legge said, "and we didn't have good performance from our people. A couple of matches could have gone either way. Our guys could have done better."

In a rematch with Madison College the Rams seemed to be inspired by last year's loss as they posted a 28-12 win over the Harrisonburg team.

"We had a real good effort from everyone, and I think the win stands out since we had lost to Madison a year before," said Legge.

Legge also had high praise for three of his outstanding grapplers. "Carlton Wimberly, Larry Corbin, and Larry Hicks have potential to be tops in the state," Legge said, "and Ray Henderson is also doing a fine job."

"Corbin was outstanding against

George Washington. He is so aggressive, and he was AA State Champion in his weight class in high school. He should be really tough in another year or so, and he should excel.

"Mike Gatling, another freshman at 190 pounds, has improved more than anyone, Legge said. "He is real strong and has a lot of tools but lacks technique. Ron Duckenfield, another freshman, is also doing a good job."

Coach Legge feels that an upcoming match with William and Mary will be tough. "They have a couple of wrestlers that could make it to the nationals," he said. "they're two to three deep in each class and have very good personnel which makes them hard to beat."

And, so it seems, the upcoming match with William and Mary may soon put Coach Legge's inexperienced but promising freshmen to the test.

Swimming is an Individual's Sport

By Tom Savage

Most people never travel over 30 miles away home in one week. However, 20 VCU students swim this distance every week and it is this strenuous schedule that will either "make or break" them as competitive swimmers.

"The individual is the only one that can do the work," stated swimming coach Ron Tsuchiya. "The coach can only motivate, help and give stroke techniques."

Swimming is a physical and mental strain. The individual is constantly under the lights and is always running against the clock. "Each year the time to qualify for the meets gets faster. Some people work hard all year to cut off a few tenths of a

second and then find out that the qualifiers are still just a little bit faster. It gets closer, but it also gets farther away," Tsuchiya commented.

"Everyone is always working harder and there has to be an overload. Some people just get burned out."

The women's team is now down to nine swimmers, after losing two over Christmas break; while the men's team consists of 11 swimmers, Tsuchiya does not feel that team size will affect his team greatly. "The men's and women's teams, as a group, are better than any other team in the past three years," Tsuchiya said.

The only problems that may arise is overloading an already overloaded swimmer. Usually the swimmers

only swim one or two events. Now the men must swim the maximum of three and the women four. "It hurts because the events are spaced so closely. We'll have to place our people in the right places and at the right time," Tsuchiya commented.

So far this year the women's team has broken even. They defeated UVa. and Furman, but lost to William and Mary, and ECU. The men overcame Furman and lost to ECU and UVa. In the relay meets the women took first place in the Randolph-Macon Relays and the men came in fifth during the Morris Harvey Relays.

What makes a person swim so many miles and practice so many hours? Tsuchiya doesn't really know. "There are no real opportunities for

the swimmers after four years of college competition. And there is very little recognition. They have to enjoy it and there must be some self-set goals," Tsuchiya said.

Markley Ball, a freshman swimmer, said that she joined the team this year for the enjoyment of it. "I enjoy swimming and also like being in shape," she said. Ball makes about eight or nine practices a week and swims about 5,000 yards during each practice.

Another swimmer, Rusty Lockhart, swims for self-satisfaction. Lockhart agrees with Tsuchiya, in believing that after 15 years people are not able to keep in top shape, in order to stay in tough competition. Lockhart added, "I've swam for ten years and after four more I'll be ready to hang it up."

Wildcats Fold, Leave Three In SHL

By Mike Harris

The writing was on the wall, perhaps from the beginning.

The Richmond Wildcats would not survive their first season on the Southern Hockey League.

Taking the place of the Richmond Robins of the American Hockey League, the Wildcats started play in the Richmond Coliseum. And it was good hockey. Too good to be true.

Two weeks ago, the Wildcats folded. The same day another SHL team, the Greensboro Generals, called it quits. Two days later, the Tidewater Sharks and the Winston-Polar-Twins threw in the towel, leaving the SHL gasping for breath with only three active franchises.

The straw that broke the Wildcats' back has been hard to pick out of the pile.

The players had taken over operation of the franchise a month earlier, when owner Steve Fox announced he was \$30,000 in debt. The team agreed to play for a split of the gate receipts hoping that someone with some money would come forth and save them from extinction.

About the same time, the Wildcats

started playing some of their best hockey. They moved from fifth place to within three points of the top.

And when the team left for an eight-day break over Christmas, it appeared they would return to new owners and a new lease on life.

But they apparently soured over the break. They came back, drove their cars up to Baltimore and defeated the Clippers on January 2.

The next day, they met and voted unanimously to end the season two months early.

According to SHL president Jack Riley, the team was demanding \$21,000 from a new group of owners, who were to take over the operation the following Friday.

The players said the money would cover back pay for the previous three weeks.

"I asked them how they figured that, since they had unanimously agreed to play for the gate receipts," Riley commented via long distance telephone from the league office in Pittsburgh.

"They told me that the gate receipts were poor, and that total was what they figured the difference was. I told them that they [the new owners] wouldn't have any money

left to operate on if they paid out that money. I told them they wouldn't get that money if they went anywhere else in hockey, so their best bet would have been to stay here.

It didn't work.

And what about next year?

"We had talked about it, but we thought it would perhaps be another SHL franchise," said Mrs. Louise Schorr, one of the group of five people who thought they had purchased a living hockey team.

"But being how so many teams have left the league, it is now a question of whether it will ever be. I knew once Richmond pulled out, Greensboro and Winston-Salem would do the same.

Mrs. Schorr said that the \$21,000 "was not ours to give. That was up to Mr. Fox." That was the main reason the players gave up, she said, "but there were some other reasons. I don't know what they were."

Some people have said that if Wildcat coach Forbes Kennedy had not been snowed in on Prince Edward Island and had been in Richmond, the Wildcats would still be here today.

"I do know that the three owners left in the league are starting legal

action on the four owners who put up \$25,000 letters of credit to finish the SHL season and then quit midway through."

As for the players, it seems most have found their way back into hockey. Greg Hickey and Lorne Rombough are with Charlotte of the SHL. Ralph MacSweyn joined Johnstown of the North American Hockey League, and Willy Brossart is with the SHL's Baltimore Clippers.

The New York Rangers, who had control of five Wildcats, tried to place two with Port Huron of the International Hockey League, but according to Ron Stewart, the Rangers' director of player personnel, the IHL wouldn't allow SHL players to hook up in the league, and thereby force someone else out of a job.

For the meantime, the Rangers have placed Claude Periard and Barry Scully on a ten-day trial with New Haven of the AHL. After their trial, they will be placed in the NAHL. Jim Setters and Remi Levesque are also awaiting placement in the NAHL.

None of the players could be reached for comment.

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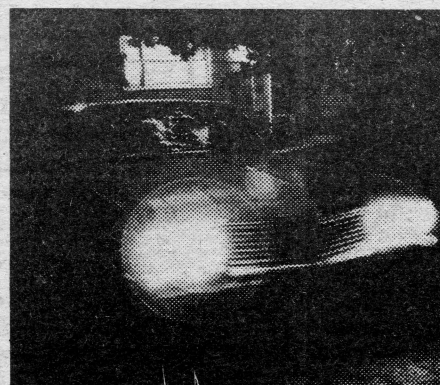
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Richmond Public Library Exhibitions. Works by Beatrice Klein, Gellman Room; Charles Renick, Second Floor Gallery; Sydney and Frances Lewis Collection, Art and Music Foyer.

Mary Hemingway will be the guest lecturer at the Corcoran Gallery in D.C. at 8:30 pm. Tickets \$8 for non members.

Open House at Masada Hall. Sponsored by JSS-Hillel. 8 pm to 10 pm. Free refreshments. 1103 W. Franklin St.

The Biograph presents "Ninotchka" and "The Philadelphia Story."

Photoworks continues with "What Is RICHMOND?" each Monday through Sunday. 204 N. Mulberry St.

John Vosburg, guitar at Hard Times.

Tuesday

The Jewish Community Center continues with "The Odd Couple" tonight, Jan. 20, 22, and 23 at 8:15 pm.

Virginia Museum Theatre presents "The Caretaker" each Tuesday through Sunday through Jan. 29. 8:15 pm.

Scott McKennis Gallery. 3465 W. Cary St. Photos by Joan Henley. Now through Feb. 5. Prints on second floor.

"Winners and Losers: Essay On Poverty." 10 pm. Channel 23.

Men's Basketball Team travels to Boston U. 6 pm.

Women's Basketball Team plays at Va. State College at 7 pm.

The Biograph presents "Chinatown" and "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz." Tonight through Jan. 20.

A graduate course in VCU's master's degree program in public administration will be taught in Petersburg this month at Virginia State College for those who are interested in becoming more effective local, regional, state or federal government managers. "An Introduction to Public Administration" is a 3 credit course that will meet from 7 to 9:40 pm on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 18 in Room 106 of Owens Hall. Registration held during the first class meeting. For more info, call 770-2011.

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Interfraternal Council Meeting. 10:15 pm in Room 403 of Hibbs.

A series of core courses have been designed as the bases of **CITE Instructional Development Curriculum.** The series begins with "Instructional Planning: An Introduction." 1 to 3 pm. For more info, contact Bob Young at CITE 770-8254.

John Vosburg at Hard Times.

Wednesday

Music At Noon Series presents organist, Laura Candler at 12:35 pm. Second Presbyterian Church, 9 N. Fifth St. Free.

Virginia Museum Exhibitions. In the Loan Gallery, Collectors of the Year, Mr. and Mrs. David Lloyd Kreeger. Through Feb. 20. Photos by Deans Keppel and paintings by Mary Wilkstrom. Antique English Coffee Pots also in the Loan Gallery through Feb. 13. Also Va. Printmakers Exhibit.

Spanish Club Meeting. 3:30 pm in the Foreign Language Dept. All are welcome to attend.

Bible Study every Wednesday night at Lutheran Campus Center, in the rear of First English Lutheran Church. 8:30 pm. All are welcome. The discussion of the week will be the Book of Hebrews.

VCU Wrestling vs. Va. State College in the Franklin St. Gym at 7:30 pm.

Swift Creek Mill Playhouse continues with "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" each Wednesday through Saturday. For tickets, call 748-5203.

Station Break, Bluegrass at Hard Times.

Thursday

Stage Center presents "The Ruling Class" each Thursday through Sunday until Feb. 5. 8 pm. For tickets, call 643-4029.

Women's Basketball Team vs. Old Dominion. 7 pm in Franklin St. Gym.

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Thursday Afternoon Film Series at the Virginia Museum. Free. Today's film is "Metal Dimensions: Bertoia and Robert Indiana Portrait." Two showings at 12:15 pm and 1:15 pm in the Museum Auditorium.

Persons interested in joining the **Political Science Club**, there will be an organizational meeting at 2 pm in Room 429 of Hibbs.

Piano Concert. Landon Bilyeu and students of the VCU Music Dept. 8:15 pm in the Business Bldg. Auditorium.

John Vosburg at Hard Times

Friday

Last day for Spring degree seeking students to submit graduation applications to their advisors for May degrees.

Experimental Theatre, 408 N. Robinson St., continues with "Hamlet E.S.P." Tonight and Saturday are final performances. 8 pm and Sunday at 3 pm.

Carriage House Gallery in the Humanities Center at 1 W. Main St. is now showing the works of Ken Wright until Jan. 28.

Tokyo String Quartet at the Corcoran Gallery in D.C. 8:30 pm.

Marsh Gallery at U.of R. Grid paintings by Jean Edward, Gallery II; Photographs, prints, and watercolors by William Lockey, II.

The Biograph presents "The Story of Adele H" and "The Magic Flute" tonight through Jan. 24.

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Saturday

National Geographic presents "Voyage of Hokulea" at 9 pm on Channel 23.

The City of Richmond presents **Beverly Sills** at 8:30 pm in The Mosque. Tickets \$10, \$9, and \$8. For tickets, call 788-1212.

Anderson Gallery. Drawings and paintings by Jacky Lambert. Slide presentation and exhibition of recent works by Bruce Barton. Works by new faculty members. Now through Jan. 28.

Van Cllburn Concert at 8:30 pm in Chrysler Hall in Norfolk.

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Men's Wrestling vs. Lynchburg College and NNAS at 1pm Franklin St. Gym.

Corcoran Gallery in D.C. Gene Davis, rectangle paintings, 1957. Also "American Art in the Making: Preparatory Studies for Masterpieces of American Painting, 1800-1900." Now through Feb. 6.

VCU Men's Basketball vs. Ga. State U. Coliseum at 8 pm.

VCU Men's and Women's Swim Teams meet John Hopkins. Franklin St. Gym at 2 pm.

Modern Grass Quartet at Hard Times.

Sunday

Randolph Macon College presents the **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** at 8 pm in Crenshaw Gym. Students \$2. For reservations, call tickets, call 798-8372.

Monty Python. 10 pm on Channel 23.

Lutheran Campus Ministry will present Bob Bluford, founder of the Richmond Medical Center, who will speak on "The Meaning of Sexual Responsibility." 7 pm at First English Lutheran Church. Free supper at 6:15 pm. All are welcome.

Foghat Concert. 8 pm at Convention Hall in Norfolk.

A twelve part series based on Alex Haley's book, **Roots**, will be shown on WXEX Channel 8 beginning tonight from 9 to 11 pm and continuing through Jan. 30. Check local listings for time slots. The series will be used as the basis for a three credit course, as well as added seminars. For more info, call 770-6731.

Men's Wrestling Team will travel to UVA. for the Va. State College Tournament. 9 am.

Bruce Olsen Band at Hard Times.

In Addition

Mail registration is now being accepted for a continuing education workshop for people in the child care field. The workshop will be held Saturdays beginning Jan. 29 from 9 am to 12:30 pm in Room 3108 of Oliver Hall, 1015 W. Main St. For more info, call 770-8200.

A reminder to notify all registered clubs and organizations concerning the Interim Semester Reports which are due in the Office of Student Activities by Jan. 31, 1977.

Attention Job Seekers! Students sign-up will begin Monday, January 17 for employment interviews held at the Placement Office (913 West Franklin, 3rd Floor) during the week of January 31 to February 4. Employers conducting job interviews during this week will be: Allied Chemical, Bank of Virginia, United Virginia Bank, Federated Insurance, Portsmouth Public Schools, and Southern States Cooperative. Further information on employment opportunities is available by visiting the Placement Office.

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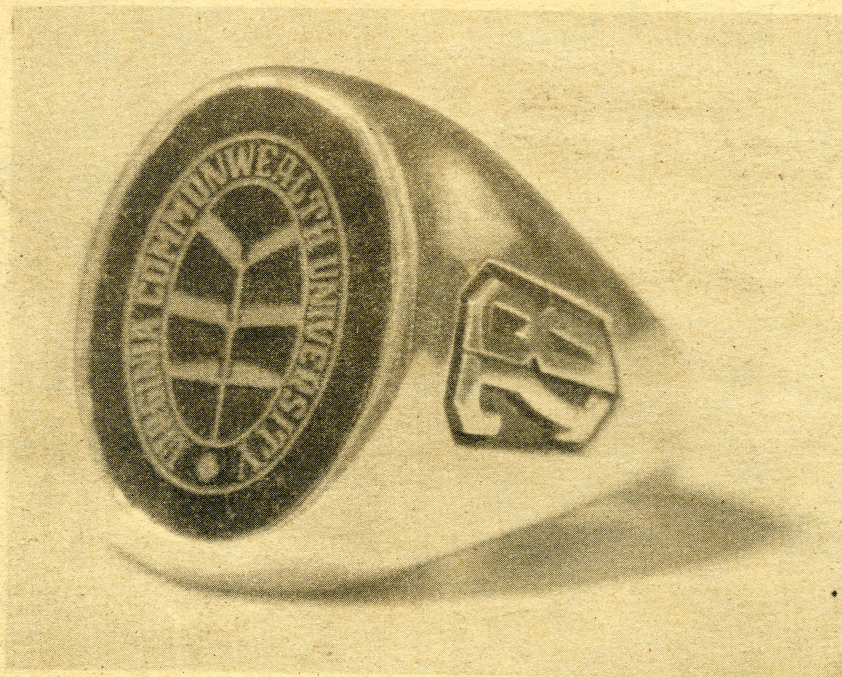
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